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### **Women's Shawl Dancer**

The Women's Shawl dancer performs to fast songs with fancy footwork, just as the male Fancy dancer does. Shawl dancing originated in North Dakota in the early 1960s. A story that has evolved since that time tells of how the Shawl dancer imitates the flight of the butterfly. When the dancer opens her shawl, it resembles a butterfly spreading its wings.